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In re Application of: Stadler et al.

FOR METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTION AND TREATMENT OF TACHYCARDIA AND FIBRILLATION

Serial No.: 09/814,251 Filed: March 21, 2001

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# AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

## DATED OCTOBER 23, 2002

Honorable Commissioner For Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 and amend claims 1 and 3-5 as follows:

Apparatus for treating tachyarrhythmias, comprising: 1. (Amended)

means for delivering a first therapy to a patient's heart to treat tachycardia and a second therapy to said patient's heart to treat fibrillation;

means for sensing an electrical signal from said patient's heart indicative of a depolarization of a chamber or chambers of said patient's heart;

means for measuring a time interval between depolarizations;

means for storing the measured depolarization intervals;

means for detecting an occurrence of a tachyarrhythmia based upon the measured depolarization intervals; and

